

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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"I have not failed 10,000 times. I have successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work."

Thomas A. Edison

Super Safety Day Question & Answer



QUESTION: Why don't security guards make a more thorough badge check during Threatcon conditions?

ANSWER: SGS Security has been directed to conduct "hands-on" badge checks during non-peak traffic hours, where the officer compares the picture on the badge to the employee. Due to the extended period that KSC has been under Threatcon, constant reminders on the importance of performing "hands-on" badge checks are re-emphasized through guard mounts and supervisory oversight.

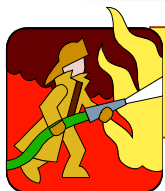
(Super Safety Day question answered by the NASA Installation Operations Directorate)

Researchers at the University of Toronto found that the risk of having a traffic accident while using a cellular phone is the same as that while driving drunk! Their findings were published 2/13/97 in the New England Journal of Medicine. The study indicates that cell phone users are four to five hundred percent more likely to get into traffic accidents than those who do not use them. "Telephones that allow the hands to be free did not appear to be safer than hand-held telephones," the study said. "This may indicate that the main factor in most motor vehicle collisions is a driver's inattention rather than dexterity." What's the message?

One should not talk on a cell phone and drive - if your goal is to drive safely.



Cellular Phones



KSC FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

An employee recently submitted a question to the NASA Safety office inquiring why there were few fire extinguishers available in KSC building. According

to Ronnie Goodin, NASA Institutional Safety Division Chief, most fire extinguishers were removed several years ago. The logic was that if fire extinguishers were present, then employees would be feel obligated to use them. However, NASA policy NHB1700.1 (VI-B) states that employees, other than trained professional firefighters, trained volunteers, or emergency response personnel, do not fight fires except in their beginning stages. For this same reason, fire hoses have also been removed from facilities and offices. Either way, call our fire professionals if you see a fire. They respond quickest if you call:

- 911 from your desktop phone
- 861-7911 or 867-7911 from a cellular phone



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